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How do we get those who have fallen away back?

Some who have left are very anti-Catholic.

I should ask why I am here, what motivates me and share that with others.

Need to work on those who are going to church, encourage vocations.

We need to utilize the talents of women more. Maybe even have female priests some day.

Communities who have lost their church need a place to gather. Maybe closed buildings could be utilized for faith gatherings.

People who want to find a religious vocation do not know where to go for answers.

Baltimore Catechism gave people basic rules.

Catholic families need to see having a priest or sister in the family as a source of pride.

My children do not find the church relevant in their lives.

The Good News is good for people.

Mega churches are full. Is it only socialization?

Breakdown in the family has added to decline.

Des Moines Christ our Life conference showed that they are more successful in vocations than we are.

St. Peter in Omaha went to pre-Vatican II and grew.

Parochial schools have had a positive impact. They had several priests and nuns in the schools.

Families are smaller and that affects vocations.

Schools create a mindset. Catholic ghetto upbringing.

It should be "God Always." No matter how liturgy is done.

We do not know how to discuss religion with non-Catholics.

Need for consistent leadership.

We have bishops who defy the Pope.

Why does the church get involved in political issues?

Some Dioceses have good leadership and others do not.

Information without reflection and common sense causes more confusion.

Will young people commit to anything? Will they sacrifice?

Society is against us. Sports are a priority.

The majority of people are unchurched.

What brought you here tonight? Curiosity. This has never been done before. Good to have input from the bottom up. I am concerned about passing the faith to my children.

Lack of vocations in the diocese is a huge problem. Something happened in this diocese in the past few years.

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What about foreign priests? Other dioceses seem to have more of a connection.

Where will we be 10 years from now? Dead or retired!

Breakdown in the family contributes to decline in church.

Technology helps to isolate us and we lose community.

We need a sense of community, it gives a sense of support in my faith.

When Mass was on TV, we missed seeing others and receiving Communion.

Adult faith formation is important. More knowledge helps us grow in piety and we can witness that to others.

The Lord will not abandon the Church, which gives us hope.

The Synod is a good thing to do, a positive step.